

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

DATE: June 22, 1987

FROM: Monsignor Curry

TO: Archbishop Mahony

RE: Rev. Michael Baker

Mike came in to see me last week and we discussed the Jemez Springs recommendations. I wish to check with the program to verify that they did not recommend his taking depro provera. Mike would also like me to check to see if he needs to return on July 19, as the purpose of that--according to him--is really just to review the contract, and I think that probably could be handled by phone or letter.

One other item that needs clarification is the recommendation that Mike continue in therapy with a qualified psychologist or psychiatrist. I see a difficulty here, in that if he were to mention his problem with child abuse it would put the therapist in the position of having to report him. I think we have to be very careful about whom he goes to see and what kind of information is released to the program. Given the fact that he cannot mention his past problem, the necessity to be so circumspect might defeat the purpose of his going to a therapist.

He is currently staying with Father Tim Dyer at St. Elisabeth in Van Nuys and plans to help out there during the summer with Masses and in visiting rest homes and hospitals. I did give him permission to be there while we are working on a position in ministry for him.

We talked about his possibly ministering in the following areas:

- 1) Matrimonial Tribunal - while he would definitely not like to work here full time, he would be open to part-time work. I see him possibly working particularly in counseling those whose marriages have broken up and before they engage in a new marriage.
- 2) Family Life/Marriage-Engaged Encounter - I can contact Jim Gehl to see if Mike could work in some of the Marriage Preparation programs, since they involve only adults.
- 3) Adult Education/Bible Study - I will contact the Religious Education Office to see if they could use him there.
- 4) Catholic Charities - Mike is interested in working with older people, and I plan to contact Father Cousineau to see if he could be used by the Commission on Aging in any way--or in any other area of this operation.

If you are agreeable to the above I will go ahead and make these contacts and then see if I can draw up some kind of job description that will still allow Mike to continue his follow-up program as outlined in the Jemez Springs report. I would also proceed to find a residence for him and to clarify with the pastor of that parish just what his status would be.

*Sounds good - please proceed!
Thanks, + RKM*

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